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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 08/02/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 is patentable over the prior art of record because of the printing system, which comprises a print unit, a calibration system configured to measure one or more colorant levels of the colorant applied to the test element by the print unit before the colorant is in a finished state, measure one or more color values of the colorant applied to the print media after the colorant is in the finished state, establish a correlation between the one or more measured colorant levels and the one or more measured color values such that the correlation can be utilized to calibrate the print unit, convert the one or more measured colorant levels to corresponding one or more predicted color values based on the correlation, compare the one or more predicted color values to target color values, and calibrate the print unit if a difference between the one or more predicted color values and the target color values exceeds a threshold value. The combined limitations as currently claimed are not taught by the prior art of record considered alone or in combination.

Claim 9 is patentable over the prior art of record because of printing system, which comprises a print unit, a calibration system configured to measure one or more colorant levels of the colorant applied to the test element by the print unit before the colorant is in a finished state, convert the one or more measured colorant levels to corresponding one or more predicted color values, compare the one or more predicted color values to target color values, and calibrate the print unit if a difference between the one or more predicted color values and the target color values exceeds a threshold

value. The combined limitations as currently claimed are not taught by the prior art of record considered alone or in combination.

Claim 16 is patentable over the prior art of record because of the printing system, which comprises a print unit, a calibration system configured to calibrate the print unit, the calibration system having a selectable one of a first calibration mode configured to (i) measure colorant levels of a colorant applied to a test element, (ii) convert the measured colorant levels to predicted color values based on a correlation between colorant levels and color values, (iii) compare the predicted color values to target color values, and (iii) calibrate the print unit to adjust the colorant level applied to the test element if a difference between the predicted color values and the target color values exceeds a threshold value, and a second calibration mode configured to (i) measure color values of the colorant applied to a print media after the colorant is in a finished state, and (ii) establish the correlation between the measured colorant levels and the measured color values. The combined limitations as currently claimed are not taught by the prior art of record considered alone or in combination.

Claims 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 are allowed because they are directly or indirectly dependent from claims 1, 9 and 16 above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hai C. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-2260. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM - 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vip Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2458. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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